

(d) the names of the likely potential partners, which have been identified by the GAIL; and

(e) the nature of the infrastructure envisaged for the transportation and re-gassification of the LNG at receiving stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The Gas Authority of India Limited is examining the feasibility of importing LNG for the Southern States. Ennore and Mangalore have been identified as possible locations for the import terminals. Initial imports at the two places could be 2.5 million tonnes per annum. The sources of LNG are yet to be firmed up. GAIL has proposed the formation of a joint venture company with IOC and ONGC as major partners to put up the receiving terminals including storage and re-gassification facilities at an estimated cost of around Rs. 3000 crores.

Research in Atomic Energy

5119. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the areas in which and particularly in the field of agriculture the research in atomic energy is being applied in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to open a centre for providing the above services to the farmers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) :

(a) Nuclear Energy, in the form of radiation and radioisotopes, is being widely used for agricultural research and development. The main applications are in the following areas :—

1. Development of improved varieties of crop plants such as pulses, oilseeds and other cash crops by inducing genetic variability in seeds by irradiation.
2. Improving fertilizer use efficiency for different soil types.
3. Following the fate and persistence of pesticides and heavy metal pollutants in crops soil and plant products.
4. Improving animal health and production by use of radiation attenuated vaccines.

(b) and (d) There is no proposal with the Government to open any centre for providing such services in the

country. This is because the benefits of research in this area are made available to the farmers at large, through existing institutions like State Agricultural Universities, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) and other institutes of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR). For example, several types of seeds and crop cultivars, developed by mutation breeding are distributed through the State and National Seeds Corporation. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has developed 21 high yielding crop varieties of oil seeds, pulses and cereals produced from radiation induced mutants. These have been released for commercial cultivation by the farmers all over the country.

One of the black gram varieties, TAU-1, is estimated to occupy over 90% of the total area under cultivation of black gram in Maharashtra. The variety titled TAG-24 of groundnut accounts for 9.3% of the total allocation of groundnut breeder seed production for kharif 1995. Research using gamma radiations is also carried out for genetic improvement of banana. Tissue culture derived plants of banana have been distributed to the banana growing farmers through the Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation.

Government Accommodation

5120. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated new norms for allotment of Government accommodation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The allotment of General Pool residential accommodation is made as per the provisions of Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963. No new norms have been formulated, amending the provisions of the Allotment Rules.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Amount spent on Samadhi

5121. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the average amount spent annually on the samadhi of National leaders including former Prime Ministers and Presidents situated in New Delhi, maintained by CPWD;

(b) whether the amount spent on 'Samadhi of Dr. Rajendra Prasad' is comparatively very low; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The average amount spent annually by the C.P.W.D. on the samadhis on National leaders in New Delhi is Rs. 1,99,42,735/-.

(b) and (c): The samadhi of Dr. Rajendra Prasad situated in Patna is under the charge of the Government of Bihar. As such it is not possible to make any comparison between the expenditure incurred on the samadhis of national leaders in Delhi and that on the samadhi of Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

Urban Projects of Rajasthan

[*Translation*]

5122. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects for sanitation, supply of drinking water, development of Kachhi Bastis and slum areas in the urban areas in Rajasthan lying pending for clearance with the Union Government;

(b) the amount provided for the implementation of such projects in Rajasthan during the last three years along with the names of the projects and the cities for which it was provided;

(c) whether any projects for Rajasthan have been cleared or approved during the year 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No project for sanitation, supply of drinking water, development of Kachhi Basties and slum areas in urban areas in Rajasthan is lying pending for clearance with the Government.

(b) During the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns having population less than 20,000 (As per 1991 Census) water supply projects for 18 towns have been approved for Central assistance at an estimated cost of Rs. 1607.38 lacs and an amount of Rs. 496.94 lacs has been released during the last three years. These eighteen towns are Antah, Sarwar, Baswa, Deogarh, Galiakot, Kherli, Mahuwa, Dhariwad, Bali, Takhatgarh, Kaithoon, Pokharan, Shahpura, Sunel, Viratnagar, Amet, Chhaper and Nawacity.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Under the AUWSP, schemes for providing water supply for eight towns have been approved during 1995-96 for Central assistance. The details are enclosed as statement.

STATEMENT

Project Sanctioned During 1995-96 in Rajasthan under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP)

S.No	Name of Town	Sanctioned date	Project cost
1.	Kaithoon	Dec., 95	78.20
2.	Pokharan	Dec., 95	106.20
3.	Shahpura	Dec., 95	78.60
4.	Sunel	Dec., 95	80.20
5.	Viratnagar	March, 96	78.00
6.	Amet	March, 96	164.00
7.	Chhaper	March, 96	195.00
8.	Nawacity	March, 96	114.60
Total			895.50

[*English*]

Self Financing Housing Schemes

5123. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Self Financing Housing Schemes announced by the Delhi Development Authority since beginning, Scheme-wise;

(b) the number of applications received, Scheme-wise;

(c) the number of successful applicants, Scheme-wise;

(d) the number of unsuccessful applicants carried over to subsequent schemes;

(e) the number of unsuccessful applicants who withdrew their registration deposits, Scheme-wise; and

(f) the details of price range for Category III flats allotted in South Delhi charged by the DDA from first scheme onwards till current one, Scheme-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) Details of the Self Financing Scheme announced by DDA so far, along with number of persons registered under each